



## CULTIVATED WILD RICE

Wild Rice is the only cereal grain native to the United States. In 1977, the State Legislature designated wild rice as Minnesota's official State Grain.

The cultivated crop is grown in the northern one-third of the state on an estimated 18,000 acres in the counties of Aitkin, Beltrami, Clearwater, Crow Wing, Itasca, Koochiching, Lake of the Woods, Marshall, Polk, Pennington, and Red Lake.

In 2002, cultivated wild rice production was 5.61 million processed pounds, up 35% from 2001.

Source: Minnesota Cultivated Wild Rice Council

## MINNESOTA FERTILIZER USAGE

Minnesota fertilizer consumption totaled 2.1 million tons for the year ending June 30, 2002 an increase of 10% from the previous year. Minnesota was the 10th ranking state in total tonnage.

Usage of the primary nutrients is shown on the chart; nitrogen increased 9% from 2001, phosphate ( $P_2O_5$ ) usage increased 13%, and potash ( $K_2O$ ) usage increased 23%.

Fertilizer consumption represents all commercial fertilizer sold or shipped for farm and non-farm use as fertilizer.

Source: The Association of American Plant Food Control Officials, University of Kentucky

## MINNESOTA'S USAGE OF PRIMARY NUTRIENTS AS FERTILIZER

